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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Chapter 11 DELPHI CORPORATION, et al., Case No. 05-44481 (RDD) (Jointly Administered) Debtors.

THIRD INTERIM APPLICATION OF BUTZEL LONG, P.C., COMMERCIAL AND LITIGATION COUNSEL TO DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION, FOR ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 UNDER 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 AND 331

#### **SUMMARY OF APPLICATION**

Applicant's role in this case:

Commercial and Litigation Counsel to

Delphi Corporation, et al., Debtors and

Debtors-in-Possession

Previous Applications:

Time periods:

10/8/05 through 5/31/06

Fees Requested and Allowed:

\$ 461,462.15

Expenses Requested and Allowed: \$ 3,987.72

## **Current Application:**

Time period:

6/1/06 through 9/30/06 (the "Application Period")

Fees Requested:

\$ 382,757.10

Expenses Requested:

\$ 21,719.26

Total Interim Request:

\$ 404,476.36

Previous Monthly Fee Statements for Current Application Period:

6/1/06 - 6/30/06 (fees: \$58,367.40, expenses: \$417.05). Butzel Long received no payment

of the fees and expenses.

7/1/06 - 7/31/06 (fees: \$61,904.20, expenses: \$240.25). Butzel Long received no payment of the fees and expenses.

8/1/06 - 8/31/06 (fees: \$143,065.80, expenses: \$20,212.57). Butzel Long received no payment of the fees and expenses.

9/01/06 – 9/30/06 (fees: \$119,419.70, expenses: \$849.39). Butzel Long received no payment of the fees and expenses.

Butzel Long, P.C. ("Butzel Long" or the "Firm"), commercial and litigation counsel to Delphi Corporation, et al., Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession in the above captioned cases ("Debtors"), submits this Third Interim Application ("Application"), pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1, General Rule M-151 Re: Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Cases ("Local Guidelines") and the Order Under 11 U.S.C. § 331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals, entered November 4, 2005, as supplemented (the "Interim Compensation Order"), for allowance and payment of interim compensation for professional services rendered to the Debtors and for reimbursement of expenses incurred in

connection with such services for the period from June 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 (the "Application Period").

In support of this Application, Butzel Long respectfully represents as follows:

## **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- 2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"). Pursuant to the Local Guidelines, a certification of compliance is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

## **BACKGROUND**

- 3. On October 8, 2005, Delphi and certain of its U.S. subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions in this Court for reorganization relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1130, as amended (the "Bankruptcy Code"). On October 14, 2005, three additional U.S. subsidiaries of Delphi filed voluntary petitions in this Court for reorganization relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(b) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. This Court entered orders directing the joint administration of the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases (Docket Nos. 28 and 404).
- 4. On October 17, 2005, the Office of the United States Trustee appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in the Debtors' cases.

5. On January 3, 2006, the Court entered an Order under §§ 327(e) and 1107(b) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014 Authorizing Employment and Retention of Butzel Long, P.C. as commercial and litigation counsel to Debtors, effective as of October 8, 2005 (the "Retention Order"). A copy of the Retention Order is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

## REQUEST FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION

- 6. By this Application, Butzel Long seeks an allowance of interim compensation and full payment, without any hold-back of fees, for professional services rendered during the Application Period in the amount of \$382,757.10. Butzel Long also requests reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred by the Firm on the Debtors' behalf during the Application Period in the amount of \$21,719.26.
- 7. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, on a monthly basis during the Application Period, Butzel Long served upon the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, the Committee and agents for the Debtors' pre- and postpetition credit facilities a fee statement for services rendered and expenses incurred. The Interim Compensation Order required that service of any objections to monthly statements be made within 45 days of the service of the respective statement. No objections were received to the Firm's monthly statements for which objections were required to be filed prior to the date of filing this Application.
- 8. Butzel Long has received no on fees billed and expenses incurred for the period June 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.
- 9. During the Application Period, Butzel Long's attorneys and paraprofessionals expended a total of 1,680.80 hours in the performance of necessary and critical services on behalf of the Debtors.

- 10. A schedule setting forth the total number of hours expended by each service provider during the Application Period and his/her respective hourly billing rate is annexed hereto as Exhibit C.
- 14. Schedules setting forth the number of hours expended by partners, associates and paraprofessionals of Butzel Long in respect to discrete categories of services rendered to the Debtors, and their respective hourly billing rates, are attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 15. A schedule specifying the nature and amount of the expenses for which Butzel Long is seeking reimbursement is attached hereto as Exhibit E.
- 16. Butzel Long is charging for its services in accordance with its hourly rates in effect on the dates that services were rendered and pursuant to the terms set forth in the Application to employ the Firm, as approved by the Retention Order.
- 17. There is no agreement or understanding between Butzel Long and any other person or entity for the sharing of compensation in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- 18. All fees and expenses incurred during the Application Period are detailed in the exhibits to this Application.
- 19. Due to the immediacy of legal representation for the Debtors relative to certain matters, it was necessary at times to employ more than one attorney to handle an otherwise difficult and complex task. In those instances where time has been charged by more than one attorney for such services, it was necessary in order to adequately represent the Debtors and to further the proper administration of this case. Therefore, the fees relating to the same were justified under the circumstances. Nonetheless, the Firm has diligently avoided the duplication of tasks throughout these proceedings.

# NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY SERVICES RENDERED

- 20. Butzel Long's services rendered to the Debtors have been primarily rendered by its insolvency professionals, Thomas B. Radom and Matthew E. Wilkins, and one of its labor professionals, Charlotte A. Garry. Other Butzel Long attorneys have rendered services as needed. As the detailed billing statements reflect (attached hereto as Exhibit F), each professional performed discrete services in this matter and they have been jointly involved in matters only where appropriate and essential to the progress of the case. The names and hourly rates of all professionals and paraprofessionals of the Firm who have billed time during the relevant time period are set forth in Exhibit C.
- 21. Since October 8, 2005 Butzel Long has rendered professional services to the Debtors on a weekly basis in furtherance of their interests. The sheer volume of matters assigned to the Firm have required Butzel attorneys and other personnel to expend a substantial degree of time and resources in meeting the Debtors' needs.
- 22. The Firm submits that the services it has rendered on behalf of the Debtors were actual, necessary and appropriate. Further, the Firm believes that its services have directly contributed to the effective administration of these proceedings.
- 23. The following is a general description of the primary services that Butzel Long rendered to the Debtors during the Application Period according to project billing category (as reflected by the billing summary and supporting detail attached hereto as Exhibits C, D and F). The following is not an inclusive list but highlights of Butzel Long's efforts and activities.

- (i) Vendor/Supplier Matters
- Butzel Long has represented the Debtors in numerous matters concerning various 24. troubled suppliers of the companies, namely Admiral Tool & Manufacturing, American Rubber Products, Bing Metals Group, Brockway Pressed Metals, CEP Products, Dayton Tool, Drawn Metals, Ennis Manufacturing, Griffin Thermal Products, J. L. French Automotive Castings, I & W Automotive, Innovative Group Global, Intermet Corporation, Jacobs Industries, Manufacturers Products Co., Miller Industrial Products, Monroe Products, MRC Industrial Group, Neff-Perkins Co., Olson International, Omega Automation, Pixley Richards, Plasco, QC Onics, Steel Parts Corporation, Sterling Manufacturing Co., Tenatronics Ltd., The American Team, Tower Automotive. These troubled suppliers are sole source, just-in-time suppliers of critical component parts to the Debtors which lack adequate working capital to meet their expenses of operations. They have defaulted and face foreclosure, or at a minimum, have exhausted their borrowing availability, under the applicable loan documents with their respective secured lenders. In some matters, they have sought relief in their own chapter 11 cases. In order to avoid any disruption in the supply of the component parts by these troubled suppliers to the Debtors pending resourcing, a reorganization or a sale of the business to an acceptable buyer, and otherwise to protect the Debtors' tooling, Butzel Long has negotiated the extension of financial and other accommodations by the Debtors to the suppliers and their respective secured lenders through accommodation agreements, access and security agreements, cash collateral orders, debtor in possession financing orders and subordinated participation agreements. Butzel Long also has represented the Debtors in a supplier's chapter 11 case to enforce setoff claims, file proofs of claim, review critical vendor programs, monitor the confirmation or sale process and preserve and protect generally the Debtors' overall interests in the case.

- (ii) Litigation
- 25. Butzel Long represents the Debtors in various litigation matters as follows:

## a. <u>Delphi – GM Arbitration</u>

Butzel Long represents Delphi in connection with a private arbitration instituted by General Motors Corporation against Delphi. The arbitration is proceeding pursuant to an arbitration agreement entered into by GM and Delphi in July 2006. GM seeks recovery of warranty costs and related expenses allegedly incurred in an amount in excess of \$60,000,000 in connection with repair and replacement of allegedly defective catalytic converters supplied by Delphi and installed in GM "W-cars" and "N-cars" for model years 2001 and 2002. Delphi has asserted a counterclaim seeking recovery in excess of \$3,000,000 for expenses incurred by Delphi because of GM's failure to perform adequate system and vehicle level testing on the vehicles involved. The arbitration is currently scheduled to be heard in April or May of 2007.

#### b. <u>Delphi v Segway, Inc.</u>

Butzel Long represents Delphi in a matter against Segway, Inc. Delphi and Segway worked together on a lithium ion battery development program in the early 2000's. The goal was for Delphi to ultimately produce for Segway lithium ion batteries for Segway's "Transporter" (which is the electric two-wheel upright scooter which you have probably seen in the news, on TV, etc.). After a few years of development and testing, Segway backed out of the deal. By that point, Delphi had invested approximately \$5,000,000 in engineering costs. Delphi

asked Segway to reimburse it for these costs (based upon a provision in Segway's Purchase Order Terms and Conditions requiring Segway to pay "reasonable cancellation costs"). Segway refused. Arbitration is contemplated.

- (iii) Labor
- 26. Butzel Long responded and filed position statements on a number of EEOC and local agency charges brought by employees of the Debtors all over the United States. In addition, the Firm handled daily labor and employment matters, such as researching issues concerning the FMLA or FLSA, responding to Bullard-Plawecki requests, and helping Human Resources Administrators with employment issues, including document retention questions. Fees for services rendered are pursuant to a prepetition engagement agreement between Butzel Long and Debtor, Delphi Corporation, that provides for a daily rate of \$1,376 for an eight hour day and a hourly rate of \$172 for any time spent over eight hours.
- 27. Butzel Long submits that all of the services rendered during the Application Period were (i) actual, appropriate and necessary under the circumstances and benefited the Debtors and the Debtors' bankruptcy estates, and (ii) allowed the Debtors to be adequately represented and promoted the effective administration of the estates. Butzel Long further submits the requested compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred for such services are reasonable.
- 28. The Firm expects to continue rendering services to the Debtors for the duration of these proceedings.

29. No prior application has been made to this or any court for the relief requested in this Application.

#### **NOTICE**

30. Notice of this Application has been served according to the terms of the Interim Compensation Order. Notice was served via e-mail upon all parties listed in the Master Service List and the 2002 Entities List except those persons entitled to receive the complete Application along with the Notice. The Notice and complete application with all exhibits were served via overnight mail upon (i) the Debtors' General Counsel; (ii) the Debtors' primary bankruptcy counsel; (iii) counsel for the Committee; (iv) counsel for the agent for the prepetition credit facility; (v) counsel for the agent for the postpetition credit facility; and (vi) the Office of the U.S. Trustee. Butzel Long represents that no other or further notice is necessary.

WHEREFORE, Butzel Long, as commercial and litigation counsel to the Debtors, respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order:

- granting this Third Interim Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses;
- (2) awarding Butzel Long an allowed administrative claim for professional services rendered during the Application Period in the amount of \$382,757.10, without any hold-back;
- (3) granting Butzel Long's request for a reimbursement for actual and necessary disbursements made on the Debtors' behalf during the Application Period in the amount of \$21,719.26;

- (4) authorizing the immediate payment of such sums referenced in the preceding paragraphs to the extent permitted by law; and,
  - (5) granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just in the premises.

Dated: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan November 30, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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